

In the Specification:

✓
Delete the existing Government Rights Statement, which
is set forth in the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 1-5 and
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replace it with the following:

C' --Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §202(c), it is hereby
acknowledged that the U.S. Government has certain rights in the
invention described herein, which was made in part with funds
from the National Science Foundation under Grant No. DMR-
9502807.--

A marked-up version of the foregoing replacement
paragraph is attached.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present
amendment, the purpose of which is to specify in the Government
Rights Statement the Grant No. under which applicants were
awarded funds by the National Science Foundation. The requested
amendment is strictly a matter of form, and as such should be
unobjectionable.

In addition, it was noted during preparation of the
present amendment that the Petition for Extension of Time that
was filed concurrently with the February 28, 2003 Request for